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The Faith of the Fathers.

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The Articles of the

True RELIGION,

All them Exhibited

In the Express Words of the

Old Testament.

Partly,

To Confirm those who do profess that RELIGION of God, and His MESSIAH.

But Chiefly,

To Engage the JEWISH NATION, unto the RELIGION of their Patriarchs ;

And, Bring down the Hearts of the Fathers unto the Children, and the Disobedient unto the Wisdom of the Just ; and so, To make Ready People prepared for the Lord.

By COTTON MATHER.

Beginning Moses, and all the Prophets, Expounded unto them, in all the Scriptures, the Things concerning THE CHRIST.

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Isa. 40. 3, 5.

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord ;
And the Glory of the Lord,
shall be Revealed.*

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The Memorable Words of Rabbi Samuel
Marochianus, in his Book, about, *The
Coming of the Messiah.*

THE Prophet Amos Expressly mentions, that
Fourth Crime [Amos 2. 6.] *Selling*
the Just one for Silver, for which we have
been in our Captivity. It manifestly appears to
me, that for that Sin in *Selling the Just one*, we
are justly punished. It is now Thousand
Years, and more ; and in all this while, we
have made no Good Hand of among the
Gentiles, nor is there any likelihood of our
ever any more Coming to Good. O my God,
I am afraid, I am afraid, Lest the Jesus,
whom the Christians Worship, were the Just
one Sold for Silver !

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To the
JEWISH Nation.

ONE thing that Satisfies Us
Christians, is the Truth of
Christianity, Your obstinate
Aversion to that Holy Religion.
Our Blessed JESUS, the
Author of our Faith, foretold your continuance
under the Circumstances now come upon you, un-
til the Times of the Gentiles in the Four
Monarchies, just now Expiring, are Expired.
And your own Inspired Prophets, who are now
more Ours, than Yours, foretold your being
pœnally given to the Deafness, Blindness,
and Hardness now upon you. But, behold,
Proclamation here sent you from Heaven, invi-
ting you, to persist no longer in your Damnable
Rebellion against the CHRIST of God !

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Here I now put into your Hands, an Irresistible and Irrefragable Demonstration, That tho' you say, You are Jews, you are not so. As in this Essay, the Common Translation of any Text, is at all varied from, 'tis done with as Good Authority as any that there is in the Common Translation; and most Commonly with the Authority of your own Jewish Writers. Be amazed, O ye Rebellious & Rejected People of our Great Lord-Messiah; We Christians, have by the Wonderful Work of God, been brought unto the Faith of the Fathers; but you are fallen from that Faith, & under Strong Delusions, you are Pining away in your Iniquities. Return, O backsliding Israel! All that we Christians desire of you, or for you, (and we all desire it!) is, That you would Return to the Faith of the Old Testament. Be it known to you, That if you do not now Submit unto our Blessed J E S U S, all the Glorious Oracles of the Old Testament, will come in, as Witnesses against you. To the Name of the Great God, I demand of you, That you Seriously Consider the Things here laid before you; And be now at last Astonish'd, that you have all this while no more Consider'd 'em.

The Faith of the Fathers.

The Whole RELIGION, of our Blessed Lord-MESSIAH; Taught, In the Express Words of the Old Testament.

Quest. **I**S there any more than **One God**, the First Cause, & the Last End, of all things? **A.** No. It is written, **Jo. 10. 10. 11.** The Lord, [JEHOVAH,] He is the True God, He is the Living God; The Gods that have not made the Heavens and the Earth, even they shall perish from off the Earth, and from under these Heavens.

Q. Is the **One God**, Infinite in all Perfections? **A.** Yes. It is written, **Psal. 147. 5.** Great is our Lord, and of Great Power, His understanding is Infinite. And again; **Psal. 145. 8, 17.** The Lord is Gracious, and full of Compassion; slow to Anger, and of Great Mercy; The Lord is Righteous in all His ways, and Holy in all His works.

Q. Are there not **Three Persons** in the **One God**; Namely, The **LORD**, the **WORD** of the Lord, and the **SPIRIT** of the Lord?

A. Yes. It is written, **1st Joh. 33. 5, 6.** The Father is full of His Goodness, of the Lord; the Word of the Lord

Lord were the Heavens made; And all His Host of them in the Spirit of His Mouth.

Q Can there be One God in Three Persons?

A Yes. It is written, Deut. 6. 4. Hear O Israel; The Lord, our God, the Lord, is One.

Q Hath not God, a Son? Or, is not that Word of God, which is the Second Person in God, the Son of God?

A Yes. It is written, Prov. 30. 4. Who hath Established all the Ends of the Earth? What is His Name, and what is His Son's Name? And again, Dan. 3. 25. The Firm like the Son of God.

Q Doth not the Son in God, become Man; or, assume a Man, to Subsist in One Person with Himself?

A Yes. It is written, Psal. 80. 17. Let Thy Hand be upon the Man of Thy Right Hand, upon the Son of Man, whom thou madest strong for Thyself. And again, Exod. 15. Jehovah becomes a MAN of War.

Q Doth not God Intend a Number of Elect Men, to be the special Delight and People, in His Messiah thus becoming a Man?

A Yes. It is written, Prov. 8. 22, 23, 30, 31. Doth not Wisdom Cry? The Lord possessed me, in the Beginning His way, before His works of old: I was set up from Everlasting; Then I was with Him, and was daily His Delight, Rejoicing always before Him; Rejoicing in the Habitable part of His Earth, and my Delights were with the Sons of men.

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Q. Is there not an Eternal Covenant between God the Father, and his Messiah, concerning His Elect?

A Yes. It is written, Psal. 89. 3, 4. I have made a Covenant with my Chosen, I have Sworn to the Beloved, my Servant; Thy Seed will I Establish for ever.

Q Ha's the Decree of God, from Eternity purposed, that in Time comes to pass?

A Yes. It is written, Isa. 46. 9, 10. I am God, and there is none Else; my Counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

Q Was not God the Creator of the World, and of Man in the World?

A Yes. It is written, Gen. 1. 1, 27. In the Beginning, God Created the Heaven and the Earth; And, God Created man in His own Image.

Q Doth not the Providence of God, Extend unto all the parts of His Creation, and all their Motions?

A Yes. It is written, Dan. 4. 35. He doth according to His Will, in the Army of Heaven, and among the Inhabitants of the Earth; and none can stay His Hand, or say unto Him, What dost thou?

Q Did man Fall from God, at the Instigation of Satan, soon after His Maker placed him in Paradise?

A Yes. It is written, Gen. 3. 1, 5, 6. The Woman said unto the Serpent, we may Eat of the Fruit of the Trees of the Garden; But of the Fruit of the

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the Tree, which ~~in the Garden~~ the Garden, God hath said, ~~thou shalt not Eat~~ neither shall thou touch it: lest ~~thou die~~. And the Serpent said, ~~thou shalt not surely Die~~; ~~thou shalt be as Gods, knowing Good and Evil~~. And when the Woman saw, that the Tree was Good for Food, and that it was pleasant unto the Eyes, and the Tree to be desired, to make one wise, she took of the Fruit thereof, and did Eat, and gave also unto her Husband, and he did Eat.

Q. Is the first Sin the First Man, whom God made our Common Head, now justly Imputed unto all the Children of men?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 53. 27, 28. Thy First Father hath Sinned; Therefore I have given Jacob to the Curse.

Q. Is every man, that is by ordinary Generation Descended from Sinful Adam, Depraved with Original Sin?

A. Yes. It is written, Gen. 8. 21. The Imagination of mans Heart, is Evil from his Youth.

Q. Can any man, Depraved with Sin, Perfectly keep the Commandments of God, or make himself Righteous?

A. No. It is written, Eccl. 7. 20. There is not a Righteous man upon Earth, that doth Good, and sinneth not.

Q. If a man be not Righteous, but Wicked, shall not the Everlasting Wrath of God be his portion?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 9. 17. The wicked shall be turned into Hell.

Q. Did God Promise, that His Messiah, should be Born of a Woman, and suffer Bruises, to deliver His people, from the mischiefs done by Satan unto them, in their Fall?

A. Yes. It is written Gen. 3. 15. The Lord God said unto the Serpent, I will put Enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy Seed and her Seed; he shall Bruise thy Head, and Thou shalt Bruise his Heel.

Q. Must the Messiah, that Suffers for us, be God, as well as Man, that there may be infinite Merits in His Obedience, and that so He may be able to convey all the Blessings purchased by His Obedience?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 45. 6, 7. Thy Throne, O God, is for ever and ever; Thy God hath Anointed thee with the Oyl of Gladness above thy Fellows. And again, Isa. 9. 1. His Name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellour, God, The Mighty, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. And again, Zech. 13. Awake O Sword, against my Shepherd, and against the Man that is my Equal, saith the Lord of Hosts. And again, Mal 2. 15. Did not He make One? Yet had He the Residue of the Spirit; And wherefore One? That He might seek the Seed, who is God. And again, Psal. 137. Kiss thy Son; Blessed are all they that put their Trust in Him. With Jer 17. Cursed is the man that Trusteth in Man.

Q. Were the Sufferings of the Messiah, by Humbling

Humbling Stripes from the Rod of God, necessary to Redeem His People, from the Wrath of God, which they Incur by Falling into Sin?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 89. 26, 27, 30, 31, 32. He shall say unto me, Thou art my Father : Although I will make Him my First-born, Higher than the Kings of the Earth. His Seed also will I render Eternal. But if His Children Forsake my Law, and walk not in my Judgments ; if they break my Statutes, and keep not my Commandments ; Then will I visit their Transgression with the Rod, and their Iniquity with stripes.

Q. The Time for the Messiah's Appearance, or, the Birth of the Promised Seed ; must be, while the Jewish Nation should yet Enjoy Governours, and Law-givers, of their own, and a Civil Polity among themselves ?

A. Yes. It is written, Gen. 49. 10. The Scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a Law-giver from between his Feet, until Shiloh come.

Q. Was the Messiah to be Born, while the Second Temple was yet Standing ?

A. Yes. It is written, Hag. 2. 7, 9. I will shake all Nations, and the Desire of all Nations shall come, and I will fill this House, with Glory, saith the Lord of Hosts. The Glory of this Latter House shall be greater than of the Former, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Q. Was the Messiah to be Born, Shortly after the Last Book of the Old Testament was written ?

A. Yes.

A. Yes. It is written, Mal. 3. 1. The Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His Temple.

Q. Was the Messiah to be Born, within four Hundred and Ninety Years, after the going forth of the Persian Proclamations to Rebuild Jerusalem.

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 9. 25. From the going forth of the Commandment, to Restore and to build Jerusalem, unto the Messiah the Prince, shall be Seven Weeks, and Threescore and Two Weeks ; and after the Threescore and Two Weeks, shall Messiah be cut off.

Q. Shall there be Two Comings of the Messiah ?

A. Yes. It is written, Zech. 9. 9. Behold thy King cometh unto thee, Lowly, and Riding upon an Ass. And again ; Dan. 7. 13. Behold, one like the Son of Man, came with the Clouds of Heaven. And thus, it is written, Psal. 96. 13. Rejoyce before the Lord ; for He cometh ; for (a Second time) He cometh to Judge the Earth.

Q. Was the Conception of the Messiah, to be in one of the Cities belonging to the Ten Tribes : (namely, Nazareth !)

A. Yes. It is written, Jer. 31. 21, 22. Turn again, O Virgin of Israel, Turn again to these thy Cities ; For the Lord hath Created a New Thing in the Earth ; a Woman (Alone) shall Conceive a Man.

Q. Was the Nativity of the Messiah, to

in *Bethlehem*, one of the Cities belonging to the Two Tribes ?

A. Yes. It is written, *Micah* 5. 2. *Thou Bethlehem Ephratah, It is a Small Thing to be among the Thousands of Judah; but of thee shall he come forth unto me, that is to be the Ruler in Israel.*

Q. Was the Messiah to be Born of a Virgin ?

A. Yes. It is written, *Isa.* 7. 14. *The Lord Himself shall give you a Sign: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Immanuel.*

Q. Was the Messiah, to Work many and mighty Miracles, at His Appearing ?

A. Yes. It is written, *Isa.* 35. 4, 5, 6. *God, the Recompence, He will come, and Save you. Then the Eyes of the Blind shall be opened, and the Ears of the Deaf shall be unstopped; Then shall the Lame leap as an Hart, and the Tongue of the Dumb shall Sing.*

Q. Was the Messiah to be a Publick Preacher of the Gospel, Three years and an Half, and then to Die for His Gospel ?

A. Yes. It is written, *Dan.* 9. 26, 27. *The Messiah shall be cut off; He shall confirm the Covenant with many for one Week, and in the middle of the Week, He shall cause the Sacrifice, and the Oblation to cease.*

Q. When the Messiah comes to work out our Salvation, at Jerusalem; He to Ride into Jerusalem upon, a Colt, the Foal of an Ass ?

A. Yes. It is written, *Zech.* 9. 9. *Behold, thy King*

King cometh unto thee; He is Just, and having Salvation; Lowly, and Riding upon an Ass, upon a Colt, the Foal of an Ass.

Q. When the Messiah first Appears to the Jewish Nation, He to be Despised and Rejected of that Nation ?

A. Yes. It is written, *Isa.* 53. 2, 3. *When we shall see Him, there is no Beauty, that we should desire Him; He is Despised and Rejected of men, a Man of Sorrows, and Acquainted with Grief; And we hid as if we were our Faces from Him; He was Despised, and we Esteemed Him not.*

Q. Was the Messiah to be Betray'd into the Hands of His Murderers, by one of His own Disciples.

A. Yes. It is written, *Psal.* 41. 9. *Mine own Familiar Friend, which did Eat of my Bread, hath lifted up His Heel against me.*

Q. Was the Messiah to be Sold, for Thirty Pieces of Silver, and a Potters Field afterwards bought for those Thirty Pieces ?

A. Yes. It is written, *Zech.* 11. 12, 13. *They weighed for my Price Thirty Pieces of Silver. And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the Potter; A Goodly price, that I was prized at of them!*

Q. Was the Messiah notwithstanding His Doings well, to be Tryed and Judged, as an Evil doer ?

A. Yes. It is written, *Isa.* 53. *He was taken from Prison, and from Judgment; He was cut out of the Land of the Living.*

Q Was the *Messiah* to be wonderfully *Silent* and *Patient*, under the *False Accusations*, with which His *Accusers* Load Him?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 53. 7. *He was Oppressed, and He was Afflicted; yet He opened not His Mouth; He was brought, as a Lamb to the Slaughter, and as a Sheep before her Shearers is Dumb, so He opened not His Mouth.*

Q Was the *Messiah* to be further *Afflicted*, with *Vinegar and Gall* given Him to *Drink*, in the midst of His *Afflictions*?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 69. 21. *They gave me Gall, for my meat, and for my Thirst, they gave me Vinegar to Drink.*

Q Was the *Messiah* to be *Stript* and *Robb'd* of His *Garments*, by those that would *Cast Lots* upon them?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 22. 18. *They part my Garments among them, and cast Lots upon my Vesture.*

Q Was the *Messiah* to be *Buffeted*, and *Scourged*, and *Spit* upon?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 50. 6. *I gave my Back to the Smiters, and my Cheeks to them that pulled at the Hair; I hid not my Face from Shame and Spitting.*

Q Were the *Sensible Manifestations* of the *Divine Love* be for a while, *Sadly* with-drawn from the *Messiah*: and being thus *Deserted*, was He under an *Eclipse*, to *Lament* His *Desertion*?

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A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 22. 1. *My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

Q Was the *Messiah*, to be *Crucified*, or, to undergo a *Death*, wherein His *Hands* and His *Feet*, should be *Nailed* unto a *Cross*?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 22. 16. *They pierced my Hands and my Feet.*

Q Was the most *Innocent Messiah*, to be *joyned* in His *Death*, with the worst of *Malefactors*?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 53. 12. *He hath poured out His Soul unto Death, and He was Numbered with the Transgressors.*

Q Tho' the *Messiah* was condemned unto *Death*, wherein the *Bones* of the miserable use to be *Broken*, yet was not a *Bone* of Him to be *Broken*?

A. No. It is written, Psal. 34. 19, 20. *Many are the Afflictions of the Just one, but the Lord doth livereth Him out of them all: He keeps all His Bones, not one of them Broken.*

Q Was the *Dead Body* of the *Messiah*, to be *Embalmed*, with *Myrrhe*, and *Aloes*, and *Spices*?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 45. 8. *All thy Garments Smell of Myrrhe, and Aloes.*

Q Was the *Dead Body* of the *Messiah*, to be *Buried*, in the *Tomb* of a *Rich* man?

A. Yes. It is written, Mat. 27. 60. *Tho' they pointed His Grave with the Wicked, yet it was with a Rich Man, in His Death.*

Q Was the *Messiah* on the *Third Day* after His Death, to have a *Resurrection* from the *Dead*?

A Yes. It is written, *Psal. 16. 10. Thou wilt not Suffer thy Holy one to see Corruption. And again, Hos. 1. 4. After Two Days will He Revive us, in the Third Day He will Raise us up, and we shall Live in His Sight.*

Q Was the *Messiah*, after His *Resurrection*, to *Ascend into the Heavens*?

A Yes. It is written, *Psal. 68. 18. Thou hast Ascended on High, thou hast led Captivity Captive, thou hast Received Gifts for men.*

Q Is the *Ascended Messiah*, to *Sit at the Right Hand of God*?

A Yes. It is written, *Psal. 110. 1. The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my Right Hand, until I make thine Enemies thy Foot stool.*

Q Must the *Messiah* be a *Priest*? And this in an higher order *Priest hood*, than the *Aaronical*?

A Yes. It is written, *Psal. 110. 4. The Lord hath Sworn, and will not Repent; Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedek.*

Q Was the *Messiah* to offer a *Sacrifice*, yea, to offer Himself a *Sacrifice*, to God, for our *Trespasses*?

A Yes. It is written, *Isa. 53. 10. Thou shalt make His Soul a Trespass Offering.*

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Q Was the *Messiah*, (as a *Priest* Entering into the *Holy of Holies*,) to make *Intercession* for those, for whom He had been a *Sacrifice*?

A Yes. It is written, *Isa. 53. 12. He bare the Sin of many & made Intercession for the Transgressors.*

Q Must the *Messiah* have an *Heart and Life*, Exactly conformed unto the *Law of God* in all things?

A Yes. It is written, *Psal. 40. 6, 7, 8. Sacrifice and Offering thou didst not desire, Burnt Offering and Sin-offering thou hast not Required. Then said I, Lo, I come, I delight to do thy will, O my God yea thy Law is within my Heart. And again, Isa. 53. 9. He did no Violence, neither was any Deceit in His mouth.*

Q Must the *Messiah*, Endure the *Essentials of the Punishment*, that is due to us, by the *Law of God*, for our *Sins*?

A Yes. It is written, *Isa. 53. 5, 6. He was wounded for our Transgressions, He was Bruised for our Iniquities, the Chastisement of our Peace was upon Him, and with His Stripes we are Healed. All we like Sheep have gone astray, we have Turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the Iniquity of us all.*

Q Is the *Active and Passive Obedience*, which the *Messiah*, becoming our *Surety*, yielded unto God for us, the *only Righteousness*, that *Sinners* may plead with God, for their *Justification*?

A Yes. It is written, *Dan. 9. 24. He is to make Reconciliation for Iniquity, and bring in Everlasting Right.*

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Righteousness. And again, Jer. 23. 6. *This is His Name, whereby He shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.* And again, Psal. 71. 16. *I will make mention of Thy Righteousness, even in thine only.*

Q. Only by Faith in the Righteousness of the Messiah, that Sinners come to Enjoy His Righteousness, for their Justification?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 53. 11. *By the knowledge of Him shall my Righteous Servant justify many, for He shall bear their Iniquities.* And again, Gen. 15. 6. *He Believed in the Lord, and He counted it to Him for Righteousness.*

Q. Doth the Moral Law, contained in the Ten Commandments, continue the Rule of Life, to the Children of men? And, will all that the Messiah hath Justified, Endeavour all possible Obedience to that Rule, & with Repentance mourn over all the Defects in their Obedience?

A. Yes. It is written, Micah 6. 8. *He hath shewed thee, O man, what is Good; And what doth the Lord Require of thee, but to Do Justly, and to Love Mercy, and to walk Humbly with thy God?*

Q. Is the Messiah the Great Prophet of His Church?

A. Yes. It is written, Deut. 18. 18, 19. *I will Raise them up a Prophet from among their Brethren, and will put my words into His mouth, and He shall speak unto them, all that I shall command Him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not Harken unto my words, which He shall Speak in my Name, I will Require it of him.*

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Q. Is the Messiah the Great King of His Church?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 2. 6. *I have Set my King upon my Holy Hill of Zion.*

Q. Must the Israelitish Nation for their contempt of the Messiah, be made Contemptible, and a Miserable Nation?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 69. 22, 24, 25, 27. *Let their Eyes be Darkned, so they see not, and make their Loins continually to shake; Pour out thine Indignation upon them, and in thy wrathful Anger take Hold of them. Let their Habitation be Desolate, and let none dwell in their Tents. Add Iniquity to their Iniquity, and let them not come into thy Righteousness.*

Q. Quickly after the Killing of the Messiah, must the Roman Armies, (with Eagles in their Ensigns) bring an horrible Destruction upon the City, and the Temple, and the Jews that Kill Him?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 9. 26, 27. *Messiah shall be cut off, but not Himself: and the People of the Prince that shall come, shall Destroy the City, and the Sanctuary. Abominable Wings, shall cause the Desolation.*

Q. Were the Destroyers of the Jews, to make one of their Solemn Feasts, the Season, Occasion, and Advantage of their Destruction?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 69. 22. *Let their Table become a Snare before them, and that which should have been for their Welfare, let it become a Trap.*

Q. Were the Destroyers of the Jews, to be partly

Three Factions among themselves, horribly preying on one another, and partly the Caesar, whom they would call their King?

A. Yes. It is written, Zech. 11. 6. *Lo, I will deliver the men, every one into his Neighbours Hand, and into the Hand of a King; and they shall smite the Land; Three Shepherds also I cut off in one Month; and my Soul loathed them, and their Soul also abhorred me.*

Q. Must the utter **Totals** of their Genealogies, be one Special & Signal Article, in the Destruction, that comes on the Unbelieving Jews?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 144. 2. *Let them be Blotted out of the Book of the Living.*

Q. Must the Destruction, and the Dissipation of the Jewish Nation, continue a Long while upon it?

A. Yes. It is written, Hol. 3. 4. *The Children of Israel shall abide many Days, without a King, & without a Prince, and without a Sacrifice.* And again, Lev. 26. 18, 21, 24, 28. *I will punish you Seven Times more for your Sins. Again, I will bring Seven Times more Plagues upon you, according to your Sins. Again, I will punish you Seven Times for your Sins. Again, I will chastise you Seven Times for your Sins.*

Q. When the Jews are by God, given up, in Blindness of Mind, and Hardness of Heart, must the Gentiles be brought in, to the Knowledge of God, and His Messiah?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa 65. 1, 2. *I am sought of them, that asked not for me, I am found of them that sought me; I said, Behold me, Behold me, unto*

a Nation that was not called by my Name. I have spread out my Hands all the Day unto a Rebellious People. And again, Isa 52. 15, He shall sprinkle many Nations. And again, Isa 49. 6. I will give thee for a Light to the Gentiles, that thou mayst be my Salvation unto the End of the Earth.

Q. Do's the Messiah at His Coming, make the Temple Service to Cease, and Abrogating the Law of the Mosaiick Rites, introduce another Law prescribing the Rites of Evangelical Worship?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 9. 27. *He shall cause the Sacrifice, and the Oblation to cease.* And Jer. 42. 1, *Behold, my Servant, whom I uphold, mine Elect, whom my Soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon Him, He shall bring forth Judgment unto the Gentiles. And the Jews shall wait for His Law.*

Q. Is there any Intimation, That a Sacred pouring of Water, and a Sacred using of Bread & of Wine, are to be the Rites which the Messiah would make the Sacraments of His Covenant?

A. Yes. It is written, Jer. 41. 4. *I will pour water upon him that is Thirsty, I will pour my Spirit upon thy Seed, and my Blessing upon thy Offspring.* It is also written, Gen. 14. 18. *Melchisedek, the King of Salem, brought forth Bread, and Wine; and he was the Priest of the most High God.*

Q. When the Gentiles, are by the Faith of the Messiah, made the People of God, must there then cease, the Difference of Meats, which once made a Distinction between the Jews & the Gentiles, & are all Meats to become Lawful unto all men?

A. Yes. It is written, Gen. 1. 11. Every moving Thing, that Liveth, shall be meat for you; even as the green Herb, have I given you all things.

Q. Must the Fourth Monarchy, under which the Church of the Messiah is to be gathered and afflicted among the Gentiles, be at length divided into Ten Kingdoms?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 2. 31. Whereas thou sawest the Feet of the Toes, part of potter's clay, and part of Iron, the Kingdom shall be divided. And again, Dan. 7. 7, 24. Behold, a Fourth Beast, and a bad Ten Horns. And the Ten Horns out of this Kingdom, are Ten Kings, that shall arise.

Q. Must there arise among the Gentiles, & even that Wicked Kingdom of the Romans, a Little Bishop, who shall with a Sharp sighted Craft, not only Extend his Temporal Jurisdiction, over Three of the Ten Kingdoms, & his more Spiritual Jurisdiction over near a Third Part of the old Roman Empire; but also, blasphemously Assume to himself the Power of a God, & cruelly persecute the People of God, for twelve hundred & sixty years together?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 7. 8, 25. I considered the Horns, & behold there came up among them another little Horn, before whom, there were Three of the First Horns plucked out of the Roots, & behold, in this Horn, were Eyes, like the Eyes of a man, & a Mouth speaking great Things. He shall Subdue Three Kings, and shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the Saints of the most High, and think

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to change Times, & Laws, and they shall be given into his Hand, until a Time, and Times, and Half a Time.

Q. Must the Nation of Israel, in the Latter Days, be brought in, to the Belief of the Messiah, against whom they shall with Incureable Infidelity, Rebel, until those Days?

A. Yes. It is written, Hos. 3. 5. Afterward shall the Children of Israel Return, & Seek the Lord their God, & David their King; and shall fear the Lord, and His Good One, in the Latter Days. And again, Isa. 60. 2, 3, 20, 21, 22. The Lord shall arise upon thee, & His Glory shall be seen upon thee; And the Gentiles shall come to thee in light; The Lord shall be thine Everlasting Light, and the Days of mourning shall be ended: Thy people also shall be all Righteous; They shall Inherit the Land forever. & the Lord will hasten in His Time.

Q. After the Four Monarchies Exhibited in the Visions of Daniel are ended, and particularly the Papal Empire, which is the Fourth, in the Last Form of it, comes to its End, shall the Nation of Israel, be Advanced into a great Condition of Power and Glory?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 7. 23, 26. The Fourth Beast, shall be the Fourth Kingdom upon Earth; but the Judgment shall Sit, and they shall take away the Dominion, to Consume, & to Destroy unto the End. And the Kingdom, & Dominion, & the Greatness of the Kingdom under the whole Heaven, shall be given to the People of the Saints of the most High. And Micah

Mic 4. 8. *Even the First Dominion, the Kingdom shall come to the Daughter Jerusalem.*

Will our Lord Messiah, then make His Descent from Heaven, in Heavenly Glory, and come to the **Eternal Judgment** of the World?

Yes. It is written, Dan 7. 9, 10. *I beheld, until the Thrones were pitched down, and the Ancient of Dayes did Sit, whose Garment was white as Snow, and the Hair of His Head like pure Wool; His Throne was like the Fiery Flame, and His Wheels as Burning Fire. A Fiery Stream issued, and came forth from before Him; Thousands & Thousands Ministred unto Him, and Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand stood before Him; the Judgment was Set, and the Books were opened.*

Shall there be a **Resurrection of the Dead**, at the Descent of our Lord Messiah?

Yes. It is written, Isa. 26. 19. *Thy Dead shall Live, as my Dead Body shall they arise; Awake and Sing who dwell in the Dust; for the Dew is as the Dew of Herbs, and the Earth shall cast out the Dead.*

After the **Resurrection** of the Dead, shall the **Raised Saints**, Eternally Live & Shine with the Lord Messiah, while Others are Damned unto **Eternal Confusion**?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 12. 1, 2, 3. *There shall be a Time of Trouble, such as never was, since there was a Nation, even to that same Time. And many from being Sleepers in the Dust of the Earth, shall Awake; some to Everlasting Life, and some to Shame and Everlasting Contempt. And they that wise, shall Shine as the Brightness of the Firmament, and they that Turn many to Righteousness, as the Stars ever and ever.*

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